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Honoring the careers of Dr. Gaffney and Mr. Gaither



FROM PAST TO PRESENT: Dr. Gaffney's presence on campus remains indispensable

By Sam Weien
Staff Writer

Dr. Edward Gaffney has spent thirty-eight years at MBA, and after leading the school in countless capacities, will be retiring this year.

One of the most well versed teachers at MBA, Dr. Gaffney has represented the core of the Language Department throughout his career. He has taught every level of Latin, including Latin IV AP and Latin V, advanced topics in Latin Literature. Gaffney knows several languages, and his fluency in German led him to create the German program in 1988. Moreover, he added Classical Greek to the course list and taught it until 2013.

Gaffney has shown his dedication to the school through the numerous titles he has held. From 1978 until 1988, he was the principal of the Junior School. From 1990 through 1994, Dr. Gaffney was the chair of the Foreign Language Department, and he served as the academic dean from 1995 until 2003.



Dr. Gaffney became the school's website controller in 1995, eventually establishing MBA's Whipple Hill Program. With the advent of the internet, Dr. Gaffney ushered the Big Red into the Age of Information. In addition, he also served as the faculty secretary for Totomoi.

Dr. Gaffney has developed a sterling reputation during his time at MBA. Always respected for his attention to detail and thoroughness, Dr. Gaffney taught his students the specifics every day. He evolved with technology and implemented the newest learning tools in his classroom. Dr. Gaffney was determined to teach students the context of the works so they could have a more thorough understanding of the true Latin background. He always pushed his students towards greatness and he motivated his students to give their full effort for the sake of learning.

In addition, he worked part time at Aquinas College across the street from MBA. Dr. Gaffney was never one to be



THE STOIC WISDOM OF MR. GAITHER: Nearly a half century on the Hill

By Sam Weien
Staff Writer

After 43 years on the Hill, longtime Latin teacher Mr. Anderson Gaither is ending his illustrious career this year.

Gaither started at MBA in 1971 after receiving his master's degree in Latin from the University of Tennessee. Before that, he was a weapons controller on an airborne command post over Laos in the Vietnam War.

Throughout his tenure, Mr. Gaither has taught Latin I to Latin IV and everything in between. In 2009, he was asked to head the Department of Foreign Languages, a position he will relinquish to Sr. Paolicchi next year. Under his tenure, the Wilson Language Grants were established, allowing students to gain first-hand experience of a language.

His teaching skills have been honored in the broader community as well. In 1999, the Tennessee Classical Association awarded him the



Distinguished Teacher award, and in 2009 he was elected to a three-year term on the Board of Tennessee Foreign Language Teachers. Most significantly, he was designated as an Outstanding Educator Honoree by Vanderbilt's Peabody School of Education.

Students and alumni of all ages remember Mr. Gaither's classes for many reasons. He always found ways to lighten the mood of the class, whether it was through discussions of Stoicism, subtle teasing, or the occasional fingernails-on-the-chalkboard. His derivatives were paramount to ensuring students did not know a paucity of words, and his descriptions of W15 The Peaceful Harbor were enough to keep students laughing. The balance of learning and fun was a great combination to make sure students were interested.

Of course, his favorite aphorism was written by the one and only Seneca, who said, "Calamitatus Virtutis Occasio," meaning "disaster is the opportunity for virtue," a valuable

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Dr. Gaffney: Master of the classics

intimidated by work, and he enjoyed reading the literature of many different Roman authors. He says that his favorite authors to read and teach were Horace and Catullus, two poets of the Golden Age of Roman Literature.

Dr. Gaffney says he has enjoyed MBA because of "everything he has been able to do and teach." He established MBA's Junior Classical League chapter and was the founder of MBA's Cum Laude branch.

Gaffney says his favorite part of MBA was the student trips that occurred until the early 2000s. He says they are

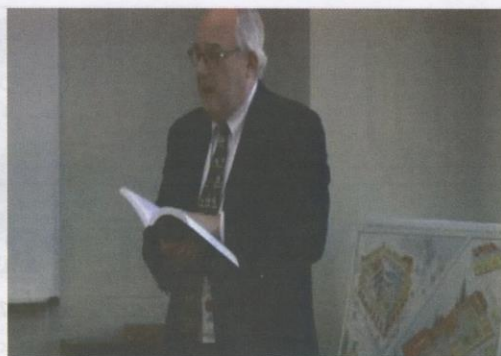
no longer a possibility because "it is difficult to get students with free time to take trips." Once a mainstay of MBA, these trips were eventually crowded out by college visits and extracurricular obligations.

Dr. Gaffney will still be teaching two days a week at Aquinas College, but looks forward to having an open schedule. He will use his newfound free time to travel when he has the time. Needless to say, he is happy to be done with grading papers and looking forward to "not having to get up early in the morning."

The thing that has changed



COMMANDING THE TROOPS: Dr. Gaffney as a Roman general in some student artwork



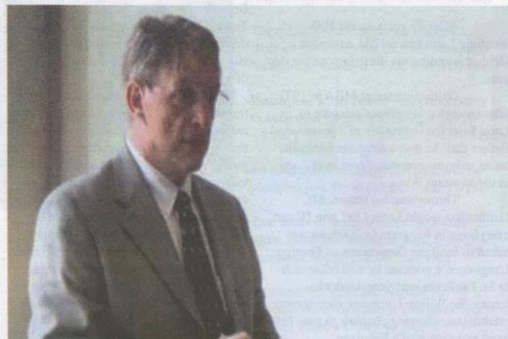
DR. GAFFNEY IN THE CLASSROOM: *Instructing generations of MBA boys*

the most, according to Gaffney, is the "physical layout of the school." During his tenure, MBA grew from having three buildings on campus to nine. Moreover, the technological capacity of MBA also increased significantly. When Dr. Gaffney began, the school owned one electric typewriter and used ditto-masters for printing and copying. As head of the Junior School in 1983, he bought an early computer to help with scheduling, and as the Academic Dean, he started the MBA faculty laptop program. He likes that computers "help everyone stay in touch with their coursework" and hopes that

one day MBA will switch to all digital textbooks.

Dr. Gaffney's career on the hill has been outstanding, as he has taught and influenced countless students. His embracing of the future with technological advances combined with his encyclopedic knowledge of past cultures have made him a unique man with a wider and more informed perspective than most of us can ever hope to achieve. His dedication to the school, his students, and the language of Latin has been spectacular, and his presence will not be forgotten.

Mr. Gaither: An educator for the ages



MR. GAITHER IN THE CLASSROOM: *Enlightening young minds*

principle in the journey of life. This aphorism is similar in meaning to the one he chose to grace the inside of Lowry, "Is non male cadit, qui validior casu surgit," also by Seneca. These brief excerpts of wisdom were the signature part of Gaither's class, and helped to lighten many dull school days.

While Mr. Gaither was at MBA, he worked in a plethora of capacities for the athletic department. He has coached the eighth grade, freshman, and JV football teams during his career at MBA. He was the head coach of junior school track for almost thirty years and junior

school cross-country for fifteen. To this day, he still assists with the microbe hurdlers.

However, he enjoyed being able to coach wrestling the most. He coached on all levels for twenty-three years, twice winning the freshman coach of the year in Middle Tennessee.

Mr. Gaither has many enjoyable memories of MBA. He distinctly remembers the Wallace building flooding during its last year, and his students continuing to take his test as the water rose. He also remembers his time as a wrestling coach, and although he admits

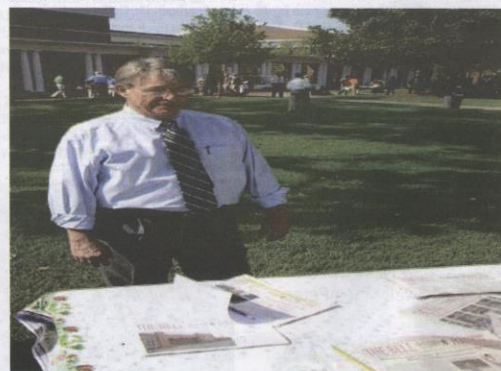
he "could have been a tougher coach," he values the connections he made with the students he coached. However, his least favorite part of MBA was "having to grade papers."

Over the course of nearly forty-five years, Mr. Gaither is astounded by how much MBA's layout has changed. He has seen the Hill flourish and prosper over the course of several decades. However, he is glad that the school's core academic plan has remained consistent. Mr. Gaither said that "MBA's curriculum is the basis

of its stability," and he hopes it will not change in the years to come."

Next year, Mr. Gaither will finally be unburdened and looks forward to "finally being able to travel outside of the summer." In October he will be travelling to Italy.

Mr. Gaither's career at MBA has been distinguished and productive. He has been able to enlighten young minds and create a foundation of knowledge on which to build a strong education.



The Winchester Symposium: *Checking out the Czech Republic*

By Steve Wood and Armand Jhala
Staff Ambassadors

Traveling to Prague for the week-long Winchester International Symposium was both a wonderful opportunity and a great challenge for us. Prague is an amazing city, full of architecture, history, art, and exciting opportunities, and the April weather, though erratic, proved mild and comfortable.

How, then, could a trip to Prague be challenging? When posed questions of whether a city should become more urbanized, or how we could use open spaces to foster spiritual and environmental development, the symposium proved to be an open arena for discourse. Over the course of one week, we made close friends with students from eight other countries, and saying goodbye after just a week was tough. Still, our trip to Prague was a truly incredible experience, creating memories and friendships that will last a lifetime.

Our journey began with a short flight to Washington, D.C., followed by an eight hour flight to Brussels, Belgium, and lastly a short flight to Prague. Met at the airport by the delegation from Singapore, we then traveled by van into the city, arriving first at the Monastery Hotel, conveniently located within walking distance of the Johannes Kepler

Grammar School and the Prague Castle. Sufficed to say, Prague is nothing like Nashville. After being settled in, we were able to finally visit the school, which definitely isn't similar to MBA. The Grammar School was a well-known, yet very relaxed school that didn't enforce dress codes and appreciated the artistic side of students. We then received a short tour of Prague, through what is known as the Old Town (a.k.a. the oldest part of the city). The Old Town contains a plethora of architectural ingenuity and historical diversity. The tour was rather eye opening and helped establish what sort of city we were going to be discovering over the next week - Prague did not disappoint.

Although we did not have lots of free time, our days were filled with activities set up by the host school. One night we saw the Opera at the National Theatre, and another night we saw the famous Skampa String Quartet. We were also given tours and lectures by teachers and architects from Prague to discuss pertinent issues relating to the Symposium - whether it be the use of ambient light in a cathedral, or the open design of a public library. At times, the lectures could be daunting with some material being a tad overwrought and drawn out; however, the majority of the lessons were rather fascinating and poignant.

The lecturers would bring



STEVE AND ARMAND TRAVEL TO PRAGUE: Dominate symposium

up questions in regards to architecture both in Prague and around the world. For example, we were asked whether we believed Prague should allow the establishment of high-rise buildings, even if those buildings detract from the beauty of the city. Additionally, the study of architecture extends farther than just aesthetics; rather, the study delves deep into the psyche of the architect and city. Architects build with purpose, and we had the chance to discover a plethora of those purposes. Why should a building be erected? Should we take practicality into

account over a spiritual attachment? Or should we take environmental friendliness over usefulness? These issues will present a growing challenge in our future, making the topic of architecture in society a cogent reason to discover the greater uses of architecture. On the whole, the Symposium allowed us to learn, be hands on, bond, and most importantly, expand our intellectual horizons in regards to what we believe architecture is.



THE GRANDEUR THAT IS PRAGUE: Mr. Womack captures the beautiful city and the surrounding countryside



FACES OF THE WINCHESTER INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM: MBA expands its global presence

Envirothon dominates region, finishes well at state

By Michael Milam
Staff Writer

On Wednesday, May 7th, in spite of conflicts with AP exams, the MBA Envirothon team of John Higham, Ferriss Bailey, Sam Hurd, Tarun Mallipeddi and Michael Milam traveled to Crossville, TN, led by coaches Mr. Spiegel and Mr. Bullington to compete in the State Envirothon Competition.

After winning the Regional competition in March, the Big Red came ready to fight, but faced fierce opposition from groups like 4-H and Future Farmers

of America throughout the competition. On the first day, the academic events, composed of five written tests concerning Soil, Aquatics, Forestry, Wildlife and the special topic for the year, Sustainable Local Agriculture, took place.

MBA emerged from the first day in 6th place and now had to take on a new challenge: a presentation on the special topic. The team was sequestered for 3 hours and given the presentation prompt, markers, a flip-pad, and some over-head transparent sheets.

The goal was to turn the 160-acre 4-H Camp into a sustainable farm

dependent on a staple crop and to organize production and marketing for the farm while staying in line with the tenets of sustainable agriculture. The team chose to focus on Peanuts and Switchgrass cultivation, as well as to cut down several of the wooded areas on the property to free up arable land and to give the operation a good starting sum of money.

The 10-minute presentation went fairly well, and though the team was awarded 11th place in the presentation, MBA's team maintained its position of 6th place overall in the state.

When asked about the team's

performance, team-member Tarun Mallipeddi had this to say: "We were at a disadvantage from the beginning because of the other teams' firsthand experience with farming. It was hard for us, being the only team from the city, to compete."

The team is optimistic about the future with a notable finish of 3rd place at Regionals by the B-Team of freshmen and with next year's special problem being urban forestry, a topic more relevant to MBA than sustainable agriculture.

Wesley Johnson drafted by the Steelers

By Aaron Kaplan
Associate Editor

Standing at 6'5" and weighing in at 295 pounds, Wesley Johnson '09 is a Pittsburgh Steeler after being drafted as the 33rd pick of the NFL Draft's 5th round on Saturday, May 10th. Johnson will join the likes of recent alums Hunter Hillenmeyer and Thomas Santi as Big Red athletes to make it to the NFL — quite an uncommon feat.

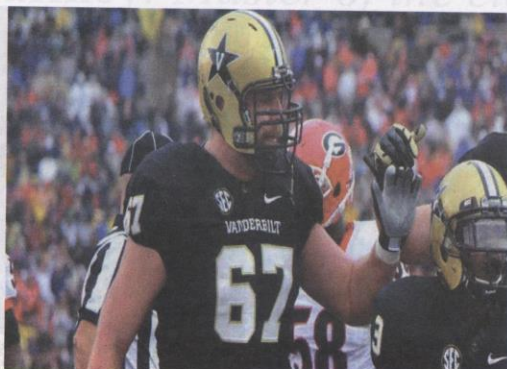
Johnson, a 2009 graduate, played offensive lineman for the Big Red while mixing in some defensive line play in his senior season. According to Coach David Brown, "Wesley was willing to do whatever was best for the team."

An understated presence, "Wesley was typically a quiet player, but when he spoke up, all the other guys listened and knew he meant business," said Coach Brown.

Coach Travis Barclay, Johnson's freshman and high school offensive line coach, said, "Wesley's greatest strength as an offensive lineman was the fact that he would finish. He never stopped. He was relentless with the tasks at hand."

Among other highlights, Johnson was captain his senior year, earned All-State recognition and was a finalist for Division II Lineman of the Year. Johnson was also a member of the wrestling and track teams. Johnson served as vice president of FCA while not on the field or mat.

After graduating from the Hill, Johnson had unprecedented success at Vanderbilt before being drafted to the NFL. After being redshirted his first year, Johnson started every game for the Commodores, bouncing around between left tackle, center and left guard during his first two playing years before settling at left tackle for his fourth and fifth seasons, seasons in which he allowed only two



WESLEY JOHNSON JOINS THE RANKS OF MBA ALUMNI IN PRO SPORTS:

Bringing Big Red Football to the NFL

sacks. A captain at Vanderbilt for two years, Johnson set Vanderbilt and SEC records by starting fifty-one successive games. He also managed to earn SEC Offensive Lineman of the Week honors four times and accumulated an impressive 198 knockdown blocks during his Vanderbilt tenure.

A First Team All-SEC selection in his senior year with the Commodores, Johnson was drafted with the 173rd overall pick by the Pittsburgh Steelers after posting a 111.0 inch broad jump and a 7.40-second three cone drill at the NFL Combine. According to his NFL.com Draft Profile, Johnson "Gets to the second level with ease and can wheel around the edge as a puller," but more importantly is a "Highly respected, passionate, no-nonsense, vocal leader."

As training camp gets going this summer, Johnson will sport number 67, the same number he wore while at Vanderbilt. Those looking to catch a

glimpse of him during his busy rookie campaign will be able to do so when the Steelers visit the Tennessee Titans for Monday Night Football on November 17th. He will undoubtedly represent MBA and the Nashville community well.

Before leaving Nashville to join the Steelers, Johnson paid a visit to MBA and his former coaches, one of them Coach Barclay.

"The day that he flew out to Pittsburgh, he stopped by MBA to see campus one more time and to see the coaches before he left. I could tell that he was very excited," said Barclay. "He was also very appreciative of what we had meant to him while he was at MBA... This is just the kind of person that Wesley is. He is always grateful and always trying to show his appreciation for what those around him did while he was on the Hill. He is never too busy to just stop on in and catch up."

SchoolFM: New maintenance provider brings changes to the Hill

By Matt Miccioli
Staff Writer

On May 1st, MBA completed the transition of its maintenance needs to School Facility Management. A company also employed by local schools such as Currey Ingram and Franklin Road Academy, SchoolFM provides custodial, technical, contracting and consulting services.

A change several years in the making, the decision was prompted by the recent expansions to the campus. Mr. Yakushi, MBA's Director of Finance and Plant Operations, said, "The school has grown from 235,000 to 450,000 square feet of building space in the last several years. We needed to bring in some additional help."

Yakushi emphasized the extra resources that SFM would provide: "Now we have easy access to experts and tools that Yorgan, George Mario and the other guys can call in when they need it, as opposed to using outside sources."

Nonetheless, the lack of information surrounding the decision and its implementation has fueled controversy at MBA, prompting cries of "outsourcing" and sharp disapproval from the student body. The switch is not a cost-cutting measure; rather, MBA will be paying slightly more.

Yakushi added: "Our maintenance guys are part of the community, and we wanted them to be able to stay." Existing MBA maintenance workers were able to join on with SFM with seniority and vacation days, retaining health benefits and comparable salaries.

"Mr. Gioia sees it as a favorable transition. In the move to SFM, our guys get the opportunity to learn new skills and will have a better career path with more potential for growth," stated Yakushi.

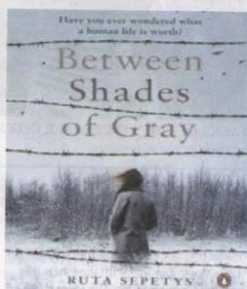
Although generating significant dissent among the students, the transition occurred unnoticed by most, with all but one member of the previous maintenance staff opting to join with SFM.

Between Two Semesters: A Preview of the All School Read

By Unknown
Staff Writer

The novel *Between Shades of Gray* has been chosen as this summer's famed all school read. Written by Ruta Sepetys, the bestseller documents the horrors that a young Lithuanian girl undergoes in Stalin's Siberian concentration camps in a very much forgotten element of the atrocity that was the Holocaust. Though a fictional account, the novel is based on extensive interviews with actual survivors, undertaken by Sepetys from her multiple journeys to Lithuania. Sepetys stated that she originally intended the novel for young adults, but adult and youth alike have critically acclaimed the novel, praising it as a triumph of historical fiction, especially as it was Sepetys' first novel. I sat down with our very own junior school English teacher Mrs. Roberts, Sepetys' cousin, in an effort to gain some insight into the novel.

Before we begin reading, what do you think is the most important fact we



BETWEEN SHADES OF GRAY: A message of hope and endurance should know?

I believe that the most important piece of information is that [15 year-old protagonist] Lina's story is based on the life of an actual woman. It's important to remember while reading that these horrors actually happened in what is really a forgotten part of the Holocaust, and that the book's events are only modified from

months and months worth of interviews.

How is this novel different from other books about similar tragedies such as *Night* [Autobiographical Holocaust novel read by most 8th Grade Geography Classes]?

The primary difference is that the novel's message is that of hope and endurance through hardships and atrocities, in contrast to *Night*'s more somber message.

What's it like being so close to the author of such an excellent and well-received book?

For me, the novel has more depth as I read it because I understand how she came across the information and the process, including her journey to Lithuania, of writing the novel in an effort to expose the horrors that occurred. In fact, Ruta is honored in Lithuania, and the people love her for playing such a critical role in exposing the story.

Thanks go to Mrs. Roberts for her time and insights into the novel. Now get cracking!

No Peace in the East

The Ukraine's struggle for stability

By Kang Huh
Staff Writer

If you read my article about the Ukrainian situation two issues ago, you probably noticed my prediction that normalcy would be restored after President Victor Yanukovich stepped down from power. Well Yanukovich is out, and a provisional government is in; however, the situation is far from over.

When we last saw the Ukraine, the Ukrainians were on the very tipping point where Ukraine's problems were looking as though they would sort themselves out, since the Yanukovich administration had appealed to many of the Euromaidan, or pro-European integration protestors. This led to Yanukovich's flight to Russia, where he is currently seeking asylum under Vladimir Putin. With the incumbent gone, the Euromaidan has taken over and has made its leader, Oleksandr Turchynov, the new President of Ukraine. Yet Turchynov's "illegitimate" presidency angered the 17% ethnic Russian demographic in the Ukraine, most of which is located in Eastern Ukraine and Crimea.



UKRAINIAN CONFLICT RAISES QUESTIONS ABOUT NATIONHOOD: What defines the identity of a state?



TERROR IN THE STREETS: Ukrainian protests grow violent and destructive



PERIL, PROTESTS AND PUTIN: Ethnic clashes and empire building color the media coming out of the Crimean Peninsula

In response to Turchynov's presidency, the Russians in the Ukraine appealed to Vladimir Putin, claiming that their freedom in the Ukraine was in

jeopardy. Putin, who had been looking to expand his influence in the Ukraine at the beginning of the unrest, invaded the Ukraine through the Crimean Peninsula on February 26, 2014 and annexed the peninsula on March 21, 2014. Since then, Russia has taken all of the Ukraine's assets in Crimea, including their military dolphins.

Taking the nod from the ethnic Russians in Crimea, Russians in the remainder of Eastern Ukraine began their own rounds of riots against the pro-European government of Oleksandr Turchynov, even calling for secession.

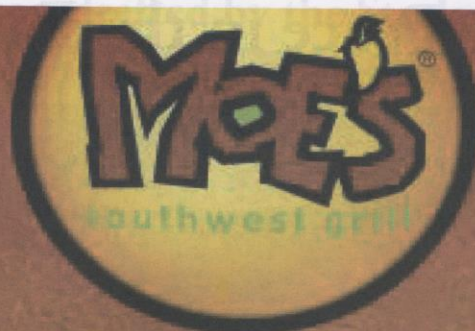
Facing massive unrest from the East, Turchynov has only responded with threats to the pro-Russian Ukrainians, calling them "terrorists." Now, Turchynov is promising military action against the pro-Russians in Donetsk Oblast, the heart of the anti-governmental activities, if the protests don't come to an end.

However, the Ukraine and Russia aren't the only countries involved in this dilemma anymore. On April 18, 2014, the American Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel decided to increase the United States Military's presence in the region by placing troops in Poland, with Polish Defense Minister Tomasz Siemoniak's consent. Ironically, the United States was about to decrease its influence in the region before the Ukrainian crises transpired.

With increased American presence in Europe, division in Ukraine, and persistent Russian aggression in East Ukraine, it looks as if this standoff may evolve into a multinational conflict (some say World War III). Unless the Russians and Ukrainians agree to sit and discuss each others' problems, this conflict will last for a long, arduous amount of time.



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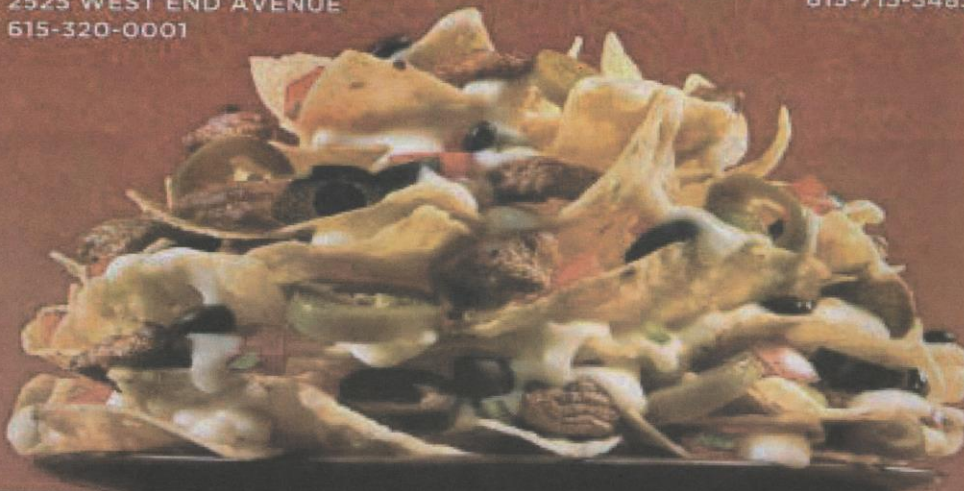
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Some men are born leaders

While others have leadership thrust upon them



Leadership is an intangible quality that has become far too concrete an ambition in modern American society. It has become conceived as a tangible achievement and position, particularly on the Hill.

Leadership is a trait which cannot be measured. One does not have to have blue eyes, brown hair, weigh 185 lbs, and have 7.8 Leads. It is a quality that comes from experience, both as a follower and a leader, and not entirely from a classroom. It is a quality that comes from other people being drawn to follow someone by that person's intelligence, insight and drive.

One cannot simply be a leader. In order to become a leader, one must spend time as a follower, as an experimenter, in order to prove that he or she is worthy of being followed, that he or she is on a path for accomplishments that will positively impact the local community and even the world. As students, we should not seek to campaign for class offices for the sake of building up our resumes, but rather seek to pursue our passions and confront challenges with such zeal that others are impressed and want to be a part of the excitement. Leadership should be a way of changing the world by gathering a movement of innovative progress, not a head-to-head battle with others for an artificial position that we can put on our college resumes.

The concept of leadership at MBA is partially flawed as we often try to quantify that which cannot be quantified. At MBA and throughout the world as we know it, we place a certain artificial value on titles and positions. We as students seek to be "President" of as many clubs and school organizations as possible in order to boost a resume. But what should the true motive be? Students should find something they are passionate about and strive to make it better than it has ever been before.

The problem is that we have made some

stagnancy acceptable. Leadership should be about taking a revolutionary idea, running with it, and having other people run along too. Maybe we should value more the quiet student in the audience who is passionate about something and is humbly making gains towards an improved, diversified community, who has created his own leadership position by being a pioneer.

At MBA, The LEAD Program, a two-level achievement program, awards students for attending classes or luncheons, going on a Leadership retreat, reading a book on leadership and, in the case of the Gold Level, being a captain of a team, leader of a club or initiating a project on campus. The program's topics consist of the philosophy of leadership, planning, decision making, communication and dealing with diversity. Although these are worthy and admirable topics with which any excellent leader should be familiar, is it enough to commend someone for just going through the motions of this program?

The main problem with this program is that it promotes students going down a checklist and filling out the requirements to gain recognition for their work at an assembly. That's not to say that everyone who earns a Silver or Gold level achievement is not a qualified or effective leader. The LEAD program, despite its critics, is a positive step in the direction for a more proactive student body, but still has room to grow. While it currently provides a basis for leadership skills, it has the potential to be a medium in which to foster game-changing ideas on a level previously unseen on campus.

We need to make a mental transition, a transition from respecting merely superficial leadership to fostering innovation, discovery, perseverance and the curiosity to work for things that will better our community and the human race in ways that are unprecedented.

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What the Sterling incident means for the NBA

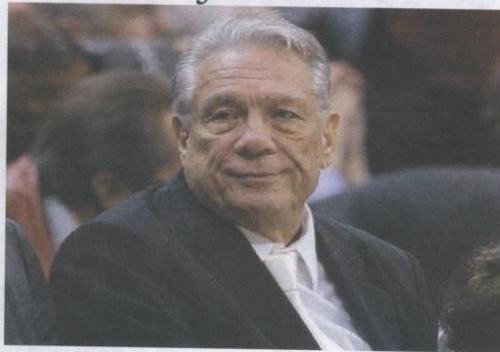
By Nolan Spear
Asst. Features Editor

Operating as the owner of an NBA franchise is a huge responsibility, and balancing a life in court-side seats and a life at home, out of the public eye, can be difficult. However, on April 25th, 2014, Donald Sterling, the established owner of the Los Angeles Clippers, crossed over any acceptable lines of personal conduct and uttered some of the most unforgettable statements in the recent history of the National Basketball Association.

In a nine minutes-long recording between himself and a "close" friend taped in September of 2013, Sterling makes numerous claims that would have even the most hardcore bigots turn their heads. Having noticed that his girlfriend (her and Sterling's relationship is still unclear to the public, but it is safe to say that she and Sterling were essentially dating) had posted a picture of herself and Magic Johnson on her Instagram account. Seemingly offended by Magic's presence on her social media forum, Sterling requested that she stop associating herself with African Americans in public, particularly in bringing them to his team's games and events.

A massive fallout ensued from the releasing of this recording to TMZ, and Sterling's role in the NBA is now in question. What makes the situation all the worse is the hypocrisy of Sterling's comments. Requesting that his girlfriend not be accompanied by African-Americans to games where Sterling himself is making millions of dollars on the performance of a team of which 11 of its 14 players are African American exemplifies ignorance, and calling Sterling a racist is not out of the question at all.

So with Sterling having basically called for, in the eye of the public, the removal of African Americans from Clippers' games, newly-minted NBA commissioner Adam Silver faced a tough decision when tasked with disciplining Sterling. On one hand, multiple former and current players, including LeBron James, Charles Barkley, Kevin Johnson, and others, openly spoke out in disgust of Sterling's comments. While forcing heavy discipline on Sterling was a called-for option, Silver also had to address the validity of the tape and the issue of privacy rights. In the eyes of many, he made the right decision and, on April 29, he banned Sterling from NBA events and competitions for life, imposed a 2.5



UPROAR OVER DONALD STERLING: Racism in the NBA million dollar fine, and urged the Board of Governors to force the sale of the Clippers.

With an unheard-of move for a commissioner in power for less than one hundred days, Silver was praised for his swift action and no-tolerance attitude. After his bombshell announcement, the situation calmed down significantly. Sterling appeared on CNN with Anderson

Cooper and offered even more criticism of Magic Johnson, taking shots at his HIV history and business practices.

As of publishing, Sterling had turned over the handling of the sale of the team to his embattled wife, Shelly Sterling. His future with the team remains in question, as players and fans anxiously await a vote by the Board of Directors on the sale of the team.

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Prince's Hot Chicken Shack Brings the Fire

By Kang Huh
Staff Foodie

It was a dark night following a comedy show at TPAC, and all of the laughing and risible-titillating action rendered fellow junior Clay Andreen and I hungry. Not many restaurants were open at 9PM, save for the 21-and-over bars scattered across downtown Nashville. So we did the reasonable thing and drove across the river to what many would consider a Nashville landmark: Prince's Hot Chicken Shack, an unassuming little restaurant with very limited seating.

Despite the time of night, the place was packed with all sorts of people. On one hand, we had the tourists who had read of Prince's famous chicken in travel guides, and the die-hard regulars (one of whom was wearing a police-issued ankle monitor) on the other. All of them, though, were on the same mission: to get their hands on the legendary hot chicken.

Prince's menu is simple and to the point. They offer five different cuts of fried chicken: the breast, the leg (by far the most popular), the tenders, the half-chicken, and the whole chicken. Each of the cuts is drenched in a spicy sauce ranging in hotness from mild to very hot. To the side, they offer Wonder Bread and a few pickles.

By the time I ordered, they had already run out of their legs, another shipment of which wouldn't come in until the following Saturday. I went for the next-best thing and got the breast cut. If you come to Prince's, you should be aware of the long waiting period. Clay and I were orders 58 and 59, but it turned out that Prince's was only getting around to its 37th order of the night.

After a considerable wait, we finally got our food and sat at a hard-to-get table. The chicken itself looked pretty standard, sitting atop the bread in that infernal sauce. Upon first bite, though,



PRINCE'S HOT CHICKEN IS SOME SERIOUS BUSINESS: If you can't stand the heat, go back to McDougal's

Clay and I had a chicken revelation. The crust of the chicken was incredibly crisp, and not too thick, breaking off the surface of the chicken meat in shards. Underneath the crust, though, was the chicken. Somehow, Prince's had managed to cook the chicken perfectly. With fried chicken, it's incredibly easy either to overcook the chicken to an almost powdery state, or to undercook it such that the inside of the chicken is essentially raw. However, Prince's chicken was like that of a roasted chicken—tender, moist, yet still piping hot.

If you find yourself ordering at Prince's, don't be fooled by the words they use to measure spice, because it's all relative to Prince's offerings. Both Clay and I got the mild flavor. About midway through the meal, Clay was all but tucked out on the bench. The heat doesn't hit you at first, but it builds to an epic high, and, sooner or later, you

find yourself heaving to the side. The spice makes the presence of the bread and the pickle absolutely necessary. The acidity of the pickle wipes away the spice, while the bread soaks up any of the hot oil left in your mouth. That being said, no amount of bread or pickle can get you through the chicken experience unscathed.

While Prince's hot chicken is very affordable (the whole meal of chicken and a drink only cost me about \$7), it is advised that you bring cash, not a card. If any of you finds yourself in the Downtown area, I highly recommend you to take a little excursion to Prince's Hot Chicken Shack. The experience will end the days of desire for second-rate options offered by Colonel Sanders, or any other fast-food equivalent.



UNAVAILABLE AT CHICK-FIL-A:
Real powerful chicken

SUMMER OUTDOORS: How to get the most out of The Wild

By Mark Floyd
Wildlife Expert

Summertime is a great time to get outside and enjoy the outdoors. The fish are almost always biting and there is endless scouting to be done for the upcoming deer season.

Summertime fishing is usually pretty easy. Early and late in the day, bass will be feeding nonstop on the plentiful shad, small bream and other baitfish. A great dawn and dusk lure this time of the year is a buzzbait. Nothing beats a big largemouth crushing a buzzbait at the surface. By midday, these fish will move from coves to the ledges. Main channel and creek channel ledges anywhere from 5 to 45 feet deep can be productive. A great bait for the ledges is deep diving crankbait. A well-made deep water crankbait in "sexy shad" or chrome/blue on a 7 foot rod with a low gear ratio reel is a go-to setup on ledges. Large, 8-10 inch plastic worms rigged with at least a one ounce sinker are also productive.

Bream and crappie are very easy to come by this time of the year. Crappie will remain near structure in 3-10 feet of

water and will readily attack just about anything put in front of them. Bream will mostly remain in coves tight to cover. The mayfly hatch, which usually occurs from late May into June, can be an exciting time to fish topwater for bream. Any small topwater plug or fly will produce great results.

Summer is also a great time to be in the woods preparing for the upcoming deer season. While deer season begins in late September, the work and scouting put in now will pay off during the season. Placing game cameras, mineral blocks, corn, and food plots will help to keep track of the new and old animals on the property you hunt. With new fawns entering your property, predator control becomes vital to the health of your deer herd. Whether by trapping or hunting, controlling predators, especially coyotes, will help fawns live through their first few months on the property. This time of the year is a great opportunity to scout everywhere, especially bedding areas that should not be disturbed at any other time in the year.



THE OUTDOORS ARE AWAITIN': You get a line and I'll get a pole

Do the math: *The College Board*

By Ian Scholer
Staff Writer

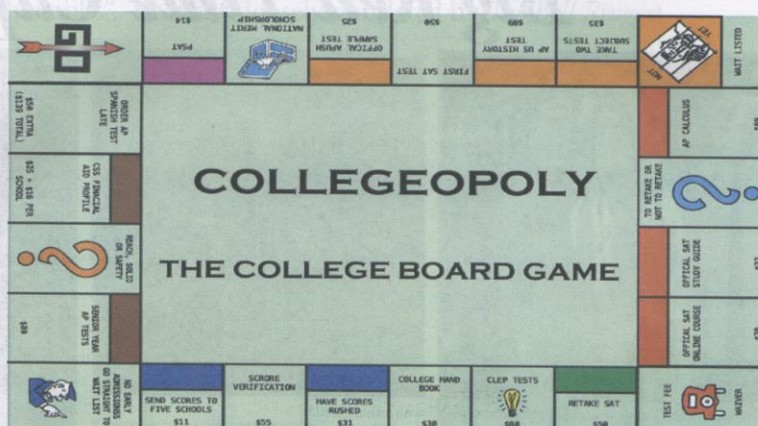
When applying to colleges, it is very difficult to evade the exploits of the College Board. Set up in 1990 with the purpose of creating a more fair college admissions process, the College Board makes its money from AP exams, standardized test study guides and, most profitable of all, the SAT.

The SAT test cost \$49 in 2010, and other charges associated with the test such as date-changing fees and score analysis packets further increase the price of the already expensive test-taking process. SAT subject tests, of which most schools require two, cost \$37.50 apiece.

When it was all said and done in 2010, the College Board, a nonprofit, took in **\$66 million dollars**.

66 million dollars

Of course, there are many ways in which this massive sum of money could be put to good use, but one logical adjustment the College Board could effect



IT'S LIKE THEY'VE GOT HOTELS ON EVERY PROPERTY: *Hustlin'* for that higher education dough

would be to make the SAT more affordable. With \$66 million in profits, the College Board could truly live up to its name as a non-profit and help the applicant if it lowered the price of the SAT.

51 dollars per SAT

Based on the 2010 figures, the College Board could afford to subtract \$41.75 from the price of

9.75 dollars adjusted price

the SAT. The current price(\$51) minus \$41.25 is **\$9.75**.

This affordable price decrease for at least the first time a student takes the test would be greatly appreciated by all the college applicants who are required to use the College Board system. Of course, this doesn't even take

into account externalities like AP tests that the college board also cashes in on.

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Remember when Ben Barton couldn't find his X-Box?

Remember when you posted on the First Class message board? (Selling a PS2 for 50 bucks)

Remember when Tristan Chari had a mullet? (Gold chain not included)

Remember when Drew Benson made you a Nutella and Banana sandwich?

Remember when you and Samuel Bamigboye agreed to disagree?

Remember when Blake Patton went to Ravenwood, and Chris Mowery went to Franklin?

Remember when Cole Sore was Coleman Sorenson?

Remember when Davis Lovvorn taught you how to spell Dachhund?

Remember when Davis Lovvorn told you about his love life?

Remember when Duke lost?

Remember when Jay Robertson was #VandyBound?

Remember when the Class of 2014 decided to go to Auburn?

Remember when you Became Odessa?

Remember when you Became Odessa for a second time?

Remember when you shook his hand? The tech department does.

Remember when Ben Chen secretly senior slid harder than anyone else?

Remember when James Franklin visited campus?

Remember when Kevin Stallings hit you in the face



with a shin guard?

Remember when Scott Dalton actually graduated/ was reincarnated into Ben Yahnian?

Remember when Wilson Vaughn had to change his pants?

Remember when the Great Gatsby teaser blew your mind?

Remember when Andrew Bittles existed? (RIP Strack Azar)

Remember when Chris Burrus tried to drive in reverse and ended up going back to the future?

Remember when Harrison Davies embraced his inner Mr. Norton? (And then promptly rejected it)

Remember when Clark Hooks had swag? (We don't)

Remember when Jordan Pugh unexpectedly won the game for good?

Remember when Russell Carpenter forgot his calculator at home twice? (Guys, be quiet, I'm taking a quiz.)

Remember when Fred Harwell was chained?

Remember when we had a train horn? (Those were the days)

Remember when you saw Littlefoot on campus?

Remember when all we had was pasta? (Pasta and brotherhood)

Remember when Shamika told you to go around? (It's always an either/or in life)

Remember when we still had Red Powerade?

Remember when Nick Boney had Red Powerade? (Thanks for the sick joke, Yahnian!)

Remember when the lunch line was the third circle



of Hell?

Remember when W15 was our safe harbor?

Remember when DJ Mott put his best foot forward?

Remember when you heard that David Smith got a tattoo?

Remember when you were among friends?

Remember when Eric Anderson double lapped you on the mile?

Remember when Josh Rotker played 7th grade football?

Remember when he mentioned it in every speech he gave after?

Remember Caldonia? (Never forget Caldonia)

Remember when you learned why the Meat Club was offensive?

Remember when you wore jeans and an MBA t-shirt on the weekends?

Remember when they made you do the high ropes at Camp Laney?

Remember when Strack Azar drew a cartoon of a squirrel?

Remember when Brandon Carpenter dropped that class he had a 95 in?

Remember when Coach Sanders called you Superman?

Remember when you thought about doing Riftery but decided against it?

Remember when Dr. Pettus did pretty much anything?

Remember when you had to get out of the house right now but you were sixteen like wow?

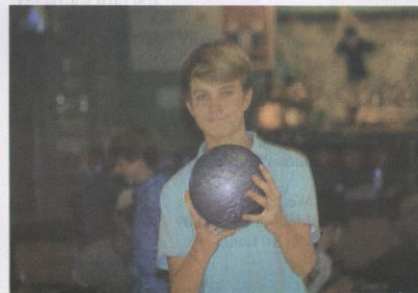
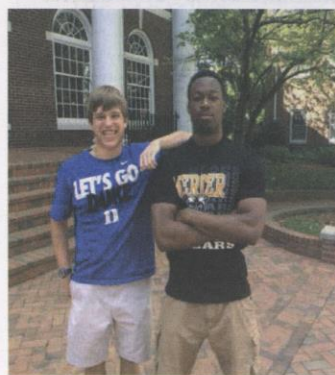
Remember when you bought the last Monster at the



"Nor have I seen mightier men-at-arms on this earth than the ones standing here: unless am mistaken, they are truly noble." -Beowulf (loosely translated by *The Bell Ringer*)



bake sale for \$10?
Remember when the lunchroom mysteriously lost all of its spoons?
When Sam Harwell chewed on your ear in a class meeting and got tossed out?
Remember when Jack Grant wrote all your jokes for you?
Remember when life was popetastic?
Remember how the basement of Wallace smelled?
Remember when Alex Bars made that awesome joke?
Remember when you first fell in love with the Dining Hall?
Remember when you hung out with Freshmen in the quad?
Remember when Clay Whitson taught the school how to pound bananas?
Remember when Jonathan Barringer tried to explain his politics?
Remember when Adam Biesman became a Rap God?
Remember when Ben Yahnian did that zany thing? (Classic Yahnian)
Remember when David Spencer was totally serious about something? (Totally, like soooo serious)
Remember when Mr. Jones sent you to the second line?
Remember when John Yoder got TKO'd before third period?
Remember when Brad Bennet played that one song from guitar hero, and it was really awesome?
Remember when you considered going to No Lights?
Remember when you took this job and shoyed it?
Remember when Andrew Dupuis convinced you he invented the internet?
Remember when Sam Gregory's truck didn't subtly annoy you? (Can't really recall this one)
Remember when you checked the back of Sam Hurd's head for circuiting?
Remember when Keith Gambill told you to quit saying "Harding Elites?"



Leaving the Hill

This fall, the Class of 2014 will travel to 47 universities in 21 states

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Track ends season with dramatic finish

By Richard Thornton
Staff Writer

The Big Red track team finished a successful season with a 3rd place finish in the state championship meet. Key contributions came throughout the season from returning runners and rookies alike.

The season began with a victory at the Highland Games. Winners included the Discus Relay (Jay Robertson '14, D.J. Mott '14, & Jesse Turner '16), the Stone Throw Relay (Jay Robertson '14, William Johnson '14, & Harrison Lien '15), the Shuttle Hurdle Relay (Owen Powell '15, D.J. Goodman '15, & Sam Curry '16) and the 1600 Meter Relay (Michael Lacey '15, Travonte Easley '14, Geoffrey Holland '15, & Will Pearson '15).

Next, the Big Red placed second in the 28th Annual Doug Hall Relays after finishing four points behind Brentwood Academy in the standings. Victory

performances came from the Pole Vault Relay (Ryan Carr '14, Same Carey '15, & Will Eskew '16), the Distance Medley Relay (Tom Peters '17, Will Peters '17, Sam Curry '16, & Eric Anderson '15) and the Sprint Medley Relay (Montgomery Owen '17, Ty Chandler '17, Michael Lacey '15, Travonte Easley '14).

After several victories at weekly dual meets, the track team captured the City Championship under the lights at Harpeth Hall. Eric Anderson ('14) won both the 1600 and the 3200, leading to his receiving the Outstanding Athlete Award. In the 1600, Anderson set a new school record with a time of 4:16.88. Other highlights were second place finishes in the 4 x 800, 4 x 100, Jay Robertson ('14) in the shot put and Sam Curry ('16) in the 110 high hurdles. The Big Red distance crew consisting of Anderson ('14), Will Peters ('17) and Caleb Carpenter ('14) swept the 3200 to finish the night.

The final tune-up for state



LIFE'S A HURDLE, NOT A SPRINT: MBA Track stars DJ Goodman and Sam Curry plan on ushering in a new golden age for MBA Athletics

came at the region meet where the Big Red finished second of ten teams. MBA qualified all of its relay teams along with Sam Curry ('16) and Owen Powell ('15) in the high hurdles, Sam Carey ('15) in the pole vault, Jay Robertson ('14) in the discus, Eric Anderson ('14) and Will Peters ('17) in the 1600 and 3200, Ty Chandler ('17) in the 100 and 200, Mike Lacey ('15) in the 400 and long jump, Trevor Patton ('15) in the triple jump and Steve Wood ('15) and Will Eskew ('16) in the decathlon. With the support of the entire senior class, who filed out of the Leavers' Dinner, Anderson ('14) shattered another school record by running a 9:25.79 in the 3200.

At the State Meet, MBA pulled off a third place finish with a dramatic

end to the 4 x 400. In third place by seven points to McCallie going into the final event, the Big Red 4 x 400 team consisting of Will Pearson ('15), Travonte Easley ('14), Geoffrey Holland ('15) and Michael Lacey ('15) prevailed and set a school record in a time of 3:23.31. Michael Lacey ('15) also claimed a new school record of 49:19 in the 400 and finished second. Other crucial performances included a third place finish by Eric Anderson ('14) in the 1600 and fourth place finishes in the 4 x 100 and 4 x 800. Anderson also won the 3200 with Will Peters ('17) finishing fifth. The team competed well all year and looks forward to several key runners returning next season.



LOCAL SHOT PUT ENTERS PLANETARY ORBIT: DJ Mott could not be reached for comment

Predators have high hopes for new coach

By Davis Lovvorn
News Editor

Earlier this month, upon conclusion of the regular season, the NHL's Nashville Predators made franchise history by firing head coach Barry Trotz.

Trotz was the longest-tenured head coach in the NHL, having served the Preds since 1998. He was the only head coach in Predators history.

Trotz is widely credited for developing a viable NHL franchise in Nashville. The Predators reached their first playoffs in 2004, when they faced the Detroit Red Wings. The Predators won their first playoff series in 2011, defeating the Anaheim Ducks in six games. The next year, in 2012, the Predators beat the Detroit Red Wings in five games before losing to the Phoenix Coyotes by the same margin.

After those two seasons, the Predators were expected to thrive, especially after being a Stanley Cup contender in 2012. Since then, the Predators have not made the playoffs. Though fan attendance has increased,



PETER LAVIOLETTE TO TAKE REIGNS AS PRED'S HEAD COACH: Stanley Cup run expected

scoring has rapidly decreased, especially after the departure of several key scorers who left after 2012 for the KHL in Russia. Even though the Predators locked superstar defenseman Shea Weber and goalie Pekka Rinne to long-term deals, the

team struggled.

Shortly after, the Predators named Peter Laviolette as Trotz's replacement. Laviolette brings winning experience to the Predators, for he won a Stanley Cup in 2006 with the

Carolina Hurricanes and won the Eastern Conference with the Philadelphia Flyers in 2010.

In contrast to Trotz, who is known as a quiet coach, Laviolette is loud and unafraid to speak his mind. Unlike Trotz, who focuses on defense, Laviolette specializes in offense, an area in which the Predators must improve.

The Philadelphia Flyers fired Laviolette three games into the current NHL season after registering an 0-3 start and failing to make the playoffs the previous season. Without Laviolette, the Flyers made the playoffs before being eliminated by the New York Rangers.

Laviolette faces a strong challenge ahead of him. Having left a much more scoring-focused team for a more defensive-minded team, the new Predators coach will attempt to bring scoring and winning back to Smashville, along with the hopes and dreams of catching the franchise's first-ever Stanley Cup.

ALL ABOUT THE NBA DRAFT

THE BELL RINGER TAKES A STAB AT THE FUTURE

By Davis Lovvorn
News Editor

The 2014 NBA Draft is one of the deepest in NBA history. With a wide range of talented players at all positions, teams in need to fill gaps in their lineups will look to rejuvenate their teams to make a deep run in the playoffs next year. Without possible trades in consideration, this mock draft will attempt to best fill team needs.

1. Cleveland Cavaliers: Joel Embiid, C--Kansas

The Cavaliers have the number one overall pick in the draft for the second year in a row and are under pressure not to waste it on another disastrous selection such as last year's pick, Anthony Bennett. Embiid should be their answer. A mainly defensive center with superior shot-blocking ability, Embiid has a solid offensive game with a jump shot to boot. Embiid should be a future Hall-of-Famer that could make 10 All-Star games. He is that good.

2. Milwaukee Bucks: Andrew Wiggins, F--Kansas

The Bucks massively struggled this season. Andrew Wiggins provides the athleticism and scoring ability that the Bucks desperately need. Although he is known to disappear during games, Wiggins' upside is enough to offset this question.

3. Philadelphia 76ers: Jabari Parker, F--Duke

Parker easily could have been the number one overall pick had it not been for a disastrous performance in Duke's first-round loss to Mercer. Parker is the most NBA-ready player, averaging nearly twenty points and nine rebounds per game. Parker must work on his defense, however, before he can be an elite superstar on the level of Carmelo Anthony.

4. Orlando Magic: Julius Randle, F--Kentucky

After drafting a guard in last year's draft, the Magic must focus on their lack of interior presence. Julius Randle is the answer. He is a bruising bully in the paint and seemingly scores at will. His defense is outstanding, and his jump shot is decent. Randle should be the Magic's

obvious choice.

5. Utah Jazz: Dante Exum, G--Australia
I honestly do not know much about Exum, as he comes from Australia. Apparently he has major scoring ability. The Jazz have seemingly non-existent guard play. Exum can contribute immediately.

6. Boston Celtics: Doug McDermott, F--Creighton

Let's be honest. The Celtics will probably not take McDermott at number six. If they were smart, however, they would. McDermott is a top-five scorer in NCAA history, and the Celtics struggled massively to score last season. Enough said.

7. Los Angeles Lakers: Marcus Smart, G--Oklahoma State

With one more year left in Kobe Bryant's contract, the Lakers will try to find an immediate replacement. Marcus Smart best fits the profile. A guard with outstanding scoring ability and athleticism, Smart can lead the Lakers back to glory.

8. Sacramento Kings: Gary Harris, G--Michigan State

The Kings lack in guard play and need some help, especially with the improvement of center DeMarcus Cousins. Gary Harris is perhaps the best shooter besides McDermott in the draft and has athleticism that compares to that of Marcus Smart. Harris, however, is not as strong as many players in this draft and will need to build some muscle.

9. Charlotte Hornets: Noah Vonleh, F--Indiana

The Hornets lack in interior play and will need some improvement down low. Vonleh is not ready for the NBA yet but will be outstanding in three years. He can score inside and outside and has a 7'4" wingspan. Give him time in the D-League, and Vonleh could develop into a regular starter.

10. New Orleans Pelicans: Tyler Ennis, G--Syracuse

This pick is higher than Ennis will most likely go, but New Orleans desperately needs a point guard. Tyler Ennis, as a freshman, was the best point guard in the country, with great court vision and the ability to drive the lane.



WHO GOES WHERE AND DOES WHAT: The future of the NBA awaits Ennis should contribute immediately.

11. Denver Nuggets: Aaron Gordon, F--Arizona

The Nuggets need size down low. Aaron Gordon needs to work on shooting, but his athleticism is comparable to that of Blake Griffin.

12. Orlando Magic: Dario Saric, F--Croatia

After drafting a guard at number four, the Magic now can fill their need of interior presence. Saric is 6'10" but plays a small forward. He can shoot, which brings to mind a similar international talent of Dirk Nowitzki.

13. Minnesota Timberwolves: Adreian Payne, F--Michigan State

In all likelihood, power forward Kevin Love will be traded. Payne is a similar player that can shoot inside and outside and defend with the best of them.

14. Phoenix Suns: TJ Warren, G--NC State

Warren, the ACC's leading scorer, will provide scoring to a Phoenix Suns team that barely missed the playoffs. Having no big-time scorers, the Suns could use a scoring threat such as TJ Warren.

15. Atlanta Hawks: Kyle Anderson, G/F--UCLA

The Hawks really need a center, so expect to see this pick traded. If not, Kyle Anderson is a 6'9" point guard who can really play any position on the floor. The Hawks need some versatility.

16. Chicago Bulls: Nik Stauskas, G--Michigan

The Bulls had difficulty scoring last year and need a versatile threat. Not only can Stauskas shoot, but he has developed an ability to drive the lane. Stauskas' improved game can clearly help the ailing Bulls.

17. Boston Celtics: Shabazz Napier, G--UConn

The Celtics need a guard that can score and play alongside Rajon Rondo.

Napier perfectly fits this profile. Not only can he facilitate, but Napier can score at will and is one of the most clutch players in the game. Most do not expect Napier to be selected this high, but it would be impossible to pass up on a two-time national champion.

18. Phoenix Suns: Jerami Grant, F--Syracuse

After selecting a scoring guard, the Suns now select a defensive forward. Grant has a massive wingspan and can play solid defense but can also score when needed. He should be a welcome addition to any team.

19. Chicago Bulls: Zach LaVine, F--UCLA

The Bulls seriously lack in athleticism. LaVine can jump out of the gym, producing several highlight-reel dunks this year. In addition to his athleticism, LaVine provides decent shooting and defensive ability but will need to spend some time in the D-League before becoming a true threat.

20. Toronto Raptors: Jusuf Nurkic, C--Bosnia

The Raptors seriously lacked in interior game that cost them an early exit in the playoffs. Nurkic is the perfect answer to provide some interior stability.

21. Oklahoma City Thunder: James Young, G--Kentucky

After investing a draft pick in Steven Adams, a center, last year, the Thunder will look to improve a backcourt that struggles with injuries. After spending some time in the D-League, Young will be an active scorer that will contribute quality reserve minutes to the Thunder.

22. Memphis Grizzlies: Rodney Hood, F--Duke

Hood could have been a top-ten pick had it not been for his atrocious performance against Mercer of all teams to end the season. Hood can shoot the three, drive the lane, post up, and run the fast break. Hood has the length to defend but needs to show a more consistent effort in that area.



THE STRING CHEESE INCIDENT PUTS SONGS IN YOUR HEAD

By Steve Wood
Has Been to Europe

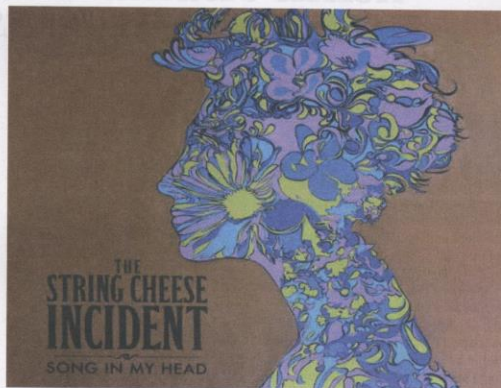
Nine years after the release of *One Step Closer*, the String Cheese Incident have released an excellent new studio album, *Song in My Head*. A jam band known for their rigorous touring schedule, the String Cheese Incident play a unique blend of Jam-rock, Bluegrass, and synth-driven electronic music, an evolving style that has developed since the band's foundation in Colorado in 1992. I saw the band perform a fantastic live show at the Ryman in 2011, so I am excited now to hear some awesome studio music from a band better known for its live shows.

The album opens with "Colorado Bluebird Sky," a song that begins in a bluegrass style but transitions into a spacy electric guitar jam, slowly increasing tempo and culminating with a return to

the chorus in an electric-bluegrass fusion. The following song, "Betray the Dark," is vaguely reminiscent of the Allman Brothers' "In Memory of Elizabeth Reed." Driven by complex percussion and lightly distorted lead guitar, the song breaks down in the middle into an extended organ jam. Each of these songs is representative of the unique style of the Cheese: songs constantly shift and transform, subtly, adding elements of excitement and adventure to the music.

As the album progresses, the musical diversity continues. "Let's Go Outside" begins with a funky, borderline hip-hop beat, inviting the audience to "go outside our minds and play." Subsequently, "Song in My Head" has a steady beat and an organ driven rhythm, breaking into a hot guitar jam before a quick bass solo.

Song in My Head makes an interesting transition with "Struggling



SONG IN MY HEAD BRINGS FRESH BLEND OF ELECTRIC BLUEGRASS.

Music that won't let go of you. Angel," a somber tribute to a long-time supporter of the String Cheese who passed away in 2012. "Struggling Angel" opens with a mellow harmonica melody, followed by a number of touching verses and choruses with excellent vocal harmony. The song, however, does not feel out of place or disjointed from the rest of the album; even "Struggling Angel" ends with some electric guitar.

The second half of the album proves just to be just as eclectic as the first. The songs take the listener on a wild musical journey, including a tropical island jam, fast-paced bluegrass with organ and wah-guitar solos, funky synthesizer jams, and even some reggae. Highlights from the second half of *Song in My Head* include "Rosie" and "Colliding," though all of the songs are fantastic. "Rosie" is an interesting take

on electronic dance music: the six minute jam features disco percussion and cool synthesizer leads, including a lively synthesizer solo, as well as guitar and organ. "Colliding" provides a climactic end to the album, employing interesting drum grooves, overdriven guitar, organ, synthesizers, and group vocals to create a truly epic piece of music.

Don't shy away from the String Cheese Incident. This music really caters to a wide variety of musical tastes, and the craftsmanship of *Song in My Head* is outstanding. Listen to the album, the whole thing, and I guarantee you will find something you like. Additionally, try to catch a String Cheese show next time they come to Nashville - live performance is the cornerstone of jam band culture, and the Cheese do it well.



BRINGING THE JAM TO YOUR HEADSET: The String Cheese Incident makes the beat come alive

TAME IMPALA MEMBER MAKES MUSIC: TRENDY PEOPLE REJOICE

By Diego Martinez
Staff Cool Kid

IT'S HERE! IT'S NEW! But hold on to your socks for now, at least until the official release date of May 30th. What is it? It's *Delorean Highway*, the latest and greatest work stemming from Tame Impala, the psychedelic rock band which has recently managed to capture millions of hearts of music fanatics across the globe. Having won Rolling Stone's Album of the Year (2011), Best Song from the EG music awards (2012), and more recently nominated for the Best Alternative Music Album Grammy (2014), there is no doubt concerning the amount of critical acclaim these Australian music geniuses have managed to amass. Fortunately for their fans, their auditory works of art only seem to be the beginning of what could very well be a new era in music.

Although the band is commonly recognized as the project of lead guitarist Kevin Parker, the heart and soul of their three albums *Lonerism*, *Innerspeaker*, and the self-entitled *Tame Impala*, this time the spotlight is set on another member

of the group: drummer Jay Watson, also known as Gum. In fact, since *Delorean Highway* is actually a solo album with the slight aid of other musicians, the entire spotlight is shining on the relatively unfamiliar face of Gum, whose new album could very well propel him towards infamy paralleling that of Parker and perhaps even surpassing it.

The first of the three singles released is *Delorean Highway*, a song supposedly inspired by "a dream Gum had of driving through the desert in the silver car from Back to the Future, before taking off into the night." Such a description very well describes the sleepy and dazed but unexpectedly-electrifying acceleration of the tune's various sounds. Although the general feel of the song can easily be traced back to the signature funkiness of Tame Impala, it is surprisingly innovative and fresh at the same time.

Second in the list comes *Growing Up*, a leisurely, melancholy yet very catchy melody whose trippy, psychedelic feel could be compared to none other than the sounds of Kevin Parker himself.

Finally comes along *Misunderstanding*, a much more up to



THE FACE OF GUM: The band you listened to back in 2005, before it even existed pace, captivating song with commercial appeal that certainly contends in the list of my favorites from these early-release singles. In reality, since all three of these tracks are exceptional, it is hard to say any is better or worse than the others. The time for picking favorites, should the rest of the album be as packed with equally

outstanding tracks, shall have to wait until the full release of Jay Watson's *Delorean Highway* on May 30th.

I highly recommend these three tracks - easily found on YouTube - to anyone who likes Tame Impala or is on the hunt for a surprisingly fresh music experience.

SUMMERTIME MADNESS

Upcoming Concerts in Music City

By Wesley Jenkins
Staff Writer

With summer finally upon us, we can now revel in at least two-and-a-half months of music festivals, outdoor concerts, and big name acts descending on Music City U.S.A. So here is your concert preview - listed by venue - for Summer 2014:

Bridgestone Arena

Starting with the biggest venue first, we have Bridgestone Arena - formerly known as Sommet Centre. Bridgestone always brings the most famous acts to Nashville because of its large seating capacity, though the setting can be somewhat impersonal. This summer, Bridgestone is bringing back three rock legends with Paul McCartney performing June 25 and a dual headliner of Kiss and Def Leppard on July 16. On the flip side, the Arena is also bringing in two current icons of pop with Katy Perry on June 27 and Miley Cyrus's rescheduled concert on August 3. All four acts are known for putting on an incredible show, but I would recommend the Katy Perry concert mostly because of Capital Cities being her opening act.

Ryman Auditorium

Probably the best - and most legendary - event hall in Nashville, the Ryman brings a full slate of musicians and comedians to its stage this summer. Starting off with a charity benefit concert for Second Harvest on June 3, the Ryman is bringing in country-rock act Florida-Georgia Line. The Auditorium is following-up this benefit concert with two of their more well-known acts this summer: Edward Sharpe and the Magnetic Zeros on June 5 and Counting Crows on June 17. The bad news is that both shows are sold out, but tickets will likely be scalped around the venue on the day of. The Ryman opens July with a concert sure



PAUL MCCARTNEY SINGING IN THE DEAD OF NIGHT: Take these Wings' songs and learn to fly

to get MBA's banjo enthusiasts excited: Yonder Mountain String Band on July 3. Progressive-rock gods Yes will be closing out the summer on July 28th, performing both *Fragile* and *Close to the Edge* albums in their entirety.

Marathon Music Works

What is easily Nashville's newest venue, Marathon has steadily been bringing in big-name acts for the past year. From the 1975 to Juicy J, the venue has shown a willingness to support all types of music that is also reflected in their summer lineup. To begin the summer, Future comes to Marathon on June 16 for what

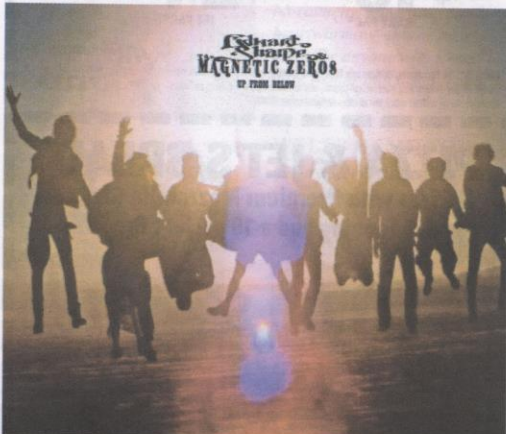
will surely be an entertaining if not enigmatic concert. For July, the concert hall is bringing in Phantogram on the 2nd and alt-rock group The Neighbourhood on the 14th. Finally to close off the summer, Passenger is bringing his impossibly strange voice to Marathon August 3rd.

Mercy Lounge; High Watt; Cannery Ballroom; Exit/In

All four of these smaller venues have been bringing relatively unknown and moderately famous acts to Nashville for the past decade. While their respective summer lineups each lack the big names of Nashville's other venues, concerts at

each venue are always enjoyable, so I would recommend trying a band you've never heard before.

As always Nashville will host the CMA Fest in early June, followed by Bonnaroo out on the Farm in early June and Live on the Green throughout July and August. Live on the Green's lineup won't be released until June 26, but if past years are any indication of the talent brought to Nashville's Riverfront Park, this year will be no disappointment. Good luck to each of you this summer, and remember, Boy Named Banjo CD's are only 10 dollars apiece.



THE PERFECT CURE FOR YOUR JANGLIN' SOUL: Edward Sharpe and the Magnetic Zeros set to perform at Ryman Auditorium June 5th.



IT'S TOO WARM FOR YOU HERE: The Neighbourhood to perform at Marathon Music Works June 14th



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THE SEAT OF THE SOUL: *INSIGHTS FOR THE AGES*

By Will Glover
Entertainment Editor

Let me first explain that I'm not the type of person that reads church newsletters. But a few months ago after picking up the mail, I found myself reading the front cover story written by a local pastor. He was discussing a recent trend that has struck many in our culture, specifically those who identify as "spiritual, not religious." The pastor felt that this inclination reflected laziness in our society, and that instead of making the effort and going to church, too many simply identify as "spiritual" and call it a day.

It's true that Millennials are far less religious than previous generations. But I would argue that this phenomenon is less about laziness and has more to do with our ever-evolving sense of how to reach that elusive cliché of perfect happiness. Previous generations may have left such worries to their local pastors, but the past few decades have revealed a shift in our collective outlook in the way we are able to perceive existence and the entire notion of what it means to be whole.

This year celebrates twenty-five years since the publication of *The Seat*

of the Soul by Gary Zukav, which was recently re-released in an anniversary edition. After its initial release in 1989, the book was a #1 New York Times Bestseller thirty-one times and remained on the list for three years.

Reading this book is a life-changing experience. We live in a time when cynicism is fashionable and pessimism reflected on every nightly-news-hour; but reading this exploration of the human psyche offers a simple alternative: instead of living as a reaction to life, seek to cultivate the opposite.

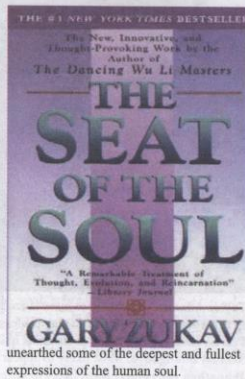
Zukav writes with the notion of a "multisensory personality," one who is aware of a dimension beyond the five senses of physicality, allowing examination of the source of "impulses, hunches" or "sudden insights"—a source that Zukav believes is the essence, or "the seat," of the soul. It's this knowledge that allows a multisensory personality to "understand more quickly the meaning of its experiences, how they come into being, what they represent, and its role creating them." According to Zukav, this awareness has brought us to the brink of our possibilities:

"We are evolving into a species of whole individuals, individuals who are

aware of their nature as beings of Light (energy)...the physical phenomenon of phase-coherent light, light that does not struggle with itself, so to speak, has come into being. It is a new phenomenon to the human experience, and it reflects the new energy dynamic of the whole human. The achievements of science, in other words, do not reflect the laboratory capabilities of individuals, or nations, but the spiritual capabilities of our species."

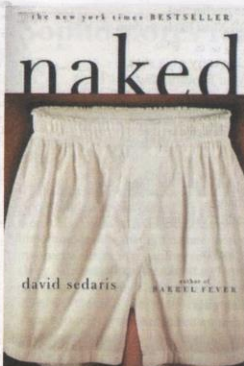
Zukav teaches that the realization of these capabilities starts with listening to your intuition, the voice from your heart that is a "walkie-talkie, so to speak, between the personality and the soul." Tuning in to that spiritual frequency allows us to evolve "from a species that pursues external power into a species that pursues Authentic Power," which is "the alignment of the personality and the soul" and "has its roots in the deepest source of our being."

With the utmost of clarity and unparalleled insights, *The Seat of the Soul* also examines evolution, karma, intention, choice, addiction, and illusion. This book isn't just necessary but a profoundly essential work from the mind of Gary Zukav, a master excavator whose words have



Enjoy reading *The Seat of the Soul*? Check out *The Shadow Effect* by Deepak Chopra, Debbie Ford, and Marianne Williamson; *Conversations with God* by Neale Donald Walsch; and *The Untethered Soul* by Michael A. Singer.

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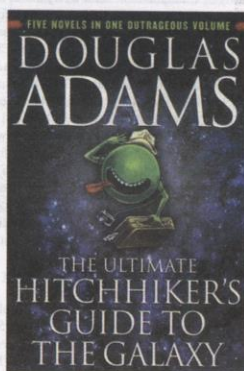


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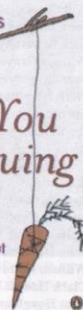


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Jay Heinrichs

Thank You for Arguing

What Aristotle, Eminem and Homer (Simpson) can teach us about the art of persuasion



Seniors finally earn their Superlatives



Taylor Adams: Most likely to materialize randomly behind you
Eric Anderson: Most likely to play professional cross-country
Ferriss Bailey: Most likely to sip drink quietly
Samuel Bamigboye: Most likely to appear in admissions publications
Johnathan Barringer: Most likely to never cross the Mason-Dixon
Alex Bars: Most likely to give a viral sideline interview
Ben Barton: Most likely to add you on LinkedIn
Brad Bennett: Most likely to surf, brah
Drew Benson: Most likely to choose to live in a single :)
Adam Biesman: Best fit for the school he's attending
Ross Blackwell: Most likely to never change facial expression
Nick Boney: Most likely to work at a used record store #macdemarco
Chris Burrus: Most likely to sing at retirement homes
Brandon Carpenter: Most likely to sit up front in a 300 person lecture
Caleb Carpenter: Most likely to be a fitness instructor
Russell Carpenter: Most likely to get locked out of his dorm room on the first day whilst forgetting his shoes
Ryan Carr: Most likely to blow up your Soundcloud
Kalyan Chadalavada: Most likely to #CALI
Tristan Charl: Most likely to come back for the Mother-Son breakfast
Ben Chen: Most likely to keep playing assassin
DJ Clark: Most likely to purchase "The Clapper"
Keon Cleary: Most likely to have a fedora phase
Luke Cochran: Most likely to kick you out of his car
Jack Coyle: Most likely to be an urban decorator
Miles Curry: Most likely to wear National Latin Exam medal on lapel
Harrison Davies: Most likely to disagree with the establishment
Harrison Davis: Most likely to lead an information session
Austin Dobbs: Most likely to "friend" you before new student orientation
Tony Drew: Most likely to take up four feet of shoulder room in the hallway
Chase Duffey: Most likely to have fingers chopped off by a beaver
Wes Duke: Most likely to start a conversation that you did not want any part of
Andrew Dupuis: Most likely to be the first cowboy astronaut computer programmer guitar protégé in space
Travonte Easley: Most likely to model for Under Armour
Chip Evans: Most likely to take the stairs
Cal Fisher: Most likely to walk out of Biology 101
Tyler Forcum: Most likely to Freshman 25
Vinny Gaglione: Most likely to never leave high school
Keith Gambill: Most likely to create the "MBA Elites" at Auburn
Paul Garrard: Most likely to be pen pals with Keith
Gaines Garrett: Most likely to smile and wave
Will Glover: Most likely to become a movie reviewer for *Rolling Stone*
John Michael Gould: Most likely to be dead at the end of "The Sixth Sense"
Jack Grant: Most likely to be loud and get your attention
William Gray: Most likely to use a smartphone dumbly
Sam Gregory: Most likely to row club crew
Wells Hamilton: Most likely to become the complete opposite of John Mellow at Columbia
David Harrison: Most likely to be unintelligible to anyone who doesn't know Coach Wims
Fred Harwell: Most likely to lock himself in his room thus rekindling the "Free Fredo" movement
Sam Harwell: Most likely to never cut his hair
Charlie Hawkins: Most likely to hit 3-pointers at the Vandy Rec
Wilson Hays: Most likely to own a mud jug
John Higham: Most likely to become a Deadhead
William Holbrook: Most likely to stay fat at heart
Clark Hooks: Most likely to choose a major "ironically" and then joke about it
Rem Houghton: Most likely to appear on a watchlist

Sam Hurd: Most likely to tell everyone he meets that he's a Cornelius Scholar
Henry Ingram: Most likely to fall asleep while giving a lecture on Astrophysics
Bryson Jarrett: Most likely to outlive "Los"
Wesley Jenkins: Most likely to discover anatomical anomalies
Armand Jhala: Most likely to live the plot to the movie "Let's Be Cops"
Stephen Johnson: Most likely to live in a treehouse
William Johnson: Most likely to coach intramural football
Max Katseff: Most likely to kill your vibe
Coleman Kelley: Most likely to appear unexpectedly
Christian King: Most likely to be found at Moon Palace Spa and Golf Resort
Denney Lackey: Most likely to never take off his lax penny after Bonnaroo
Davis Lovvorn: Most likely to be the next Brent Musberger
Tarun Mallipedi: Most likely to run
German Martinez: Most likely to hate you for no reason
Chase Matthews: Most likely to be too chill to function
Stroud McMahan: Most likely to wear Croakies
Garrett Miller: Most likely to never move out of fraternity house
Houston Morris: Most likely to be confused
Elliot Morrissey: Most likely to earn the first bid to KA because #fratagonia
DJ Mott: Most likely to become an Ivy League intellectual
Chris Mowery: Most likely to wear all gray OR Most likely to drop the bass
Bates O'Neal: You've had enough
Nick Obremsky: Most likely to speak softly but carry a big stick
Sam Papel: Most likely to force his way into your life somehow
Nilay Patel: Most likely to listen to Taylor Swift after a breakup
Blake Patton: Most likely to skype with Mac every night
Bailey Perrone: Most likely to pull your car out of a ditch
Sam Pinsky: Most likely to secretly outrun you
Jordan Pugh: Most likely to be exceptional
Rahul Ramanna: Most likely to believe he is part of the Wu-Tang Clan
Jonah Rappuhn: Most likely to travel with a harem
Grey Reames: Most likely to have clear eyes and a full heart.
Tejas Reddy: Most likely to outdress you
Jashon Robertson: Most likely to transfer to Florida
Josh Rotker: Most likely to join the Israeli army two weeks into college
Pat Sanders: Most likely to do what everyone else is doing
Ben Shankle: Most likely to date similar looking girls
Will Singer: Most likely to tell a professor to shut up during a test
Murphy Smiley: Most likely to start a militia
Duncan Smith: Most likely to learn how to talk
Sam Smith: Most likely to get rukus
Coleman Sorenson: Most likely to become an Oncologist
David Spencer: Most likely to keep doing his business on your neighbor's lawn
Jack Thompson: Most likely to never take "no" for an answer
Nick Trogdon: Most likely to accidentally hit the "share to Facebook" button
Montgomery Turner: Most likely to blast Skynyrd
Wilson Vaughan: Most likely to blow up your newsfeed
Grahame Vines: Most likely to be continually searching for Monica
Tucker Voges: Most likely to be mistaken for a Bama student's father
Sam Welen: Most likely to be elected head of Wash U's Jewish Cultural Club in a rigged election
Braden Welborn: Most likely to be free at heart
Joe Werthan: Most likely to brighten your day
John Wheeler: Most likely to never leave college
Clay Whitson: Most likely to be indestructible
Ridley Wills: Most likely to win the Kentucky Derby
Kipper Worthington: Most likely to let live
Ben Yahnian: Most likely to ask you to like his student campaign page
John Yoder: Most likely to become a successful stand-up comedian in Paris

Juniors begin their Senior slide

By Owen Powell
Staff Rablerouser

Andrew Conwell traded his gushers for John Hazen's Nutty Butters. Hazen, commonly referred to as "Sophomore snapchat god" or "the tank," refuses to comment on the trade. Apparently, Cole Jones has drawn the last card and ended John's reign as Sophomore Slayer.

Davis Luster unfortunately spoiled his Vans while he was busy planting his flower seeds in his brand new pots. The dirt from the pots got the Vans pretty dirty. He apparently had a pair of nickels in his back pocket which was spudged by the dirt. He sent them to Knoxville to be cleaned and will soon reclaim them.

Andrew Porter has recently been offered scholarships for many different things. He was offered a singing scholarship from Belmont, a football scholarship from USC, a track scholarship from Oregon, a basketball scholarship from UNC, a soccer scholarship from UVA, and even a modeling job at Abercrombie and Fitch. Thankfully, not only did God bless him athletically and musically, but he blessed him with a truly humble soul. Trice McCullar isn't even sure where he is right now. "I didn't even look at it. I deleted it without even opening it," said everyone.

John LaFranchise said he thoroughly enjoyed *Between Shades of*



JUST A COUPLE OF GUYS CLOWNING AROUND: Harrison Lien and Owen Powell represent for the Junior Class

Gray but is disappointed that it wasn't the other book. Bill Leftwich was packing some winter clothes into his green suitcase. He later threw up. The Curtish Tornado was causing some serious damage on the soccer field. Jermaine Francis realized that "the shark" is a big fan of the football team and he is now considering joining the team.

The Junior Class News Staff is rating the top 5 moments/quotes up to this point in our time at MBA.

1. The "Jizzy-J" chant
2. Graham Nash throwing a fork-infested banana at Jigsaw

3. Dr. Pettus "Buxum Sub Abore" and giving D's "Till the cows come home." "2+2=5."

4. Buddy Saxon ripping Commodore Bill J.

5. Mike Lacey: "Bruh, Joe McKinney just hit a grand slam over the netting bruh." DJ Goodman: "AND THE BASES WERE LOADED"

Well ASAP said it best in his song "Big Spender," but I'll just say HAGS. Roll Red, Momma. We made it.

Sophomores reach high school half time, need water

By Werner Bradshaw
The Big Red Monster

The 2013-2014 school year was nothing short of incredible for the Class of 2016.

Before we discuss the year as a whole, it is always essential to note recent significant events involving the sophomore class. Without a doubt the most important development of recent memory involves a situation regarding sophomore Gray Adelman. Many students have begun to suspect Gray's infamous thirteen-mile runs are really just a codename for some sort of scheme he has been plotting,

or a plot he has been scheming, if you will. Suspicion initially arose after senior Jack King spotted Gray pouring water on himself in the middle of Percy Warner Park on a Sunday afternoon. Since then, many people have come up with their own theories regarding this matter, which they have expressed in many different ways. Some people chose to tweet their opinions, others chose verbally address theirs, and some even chose to express their theories through the ancient language of the owl, which involves making "hoots" and other owl-like sounds. These hoots mainly dealt with the theory that Gray was not running, but rather in his infamous schem-

ing ways trying to find what some owl-whisperers have called a "t-rill hay-fin," which translates from owl language into English as "a place of refuge for those who are trill, or for those who plot or scheme excessively." Nothing further has developed of the situation due to exams, but I'm sure the issue will carry into the summer and possibly spill over into next year.

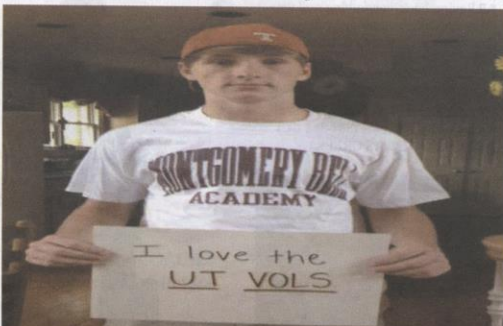
Now, let's take a look at some of the best and worst of the class of 2016 during the 2013-2014 school year.

TOP 5 (best): 5) JScow's smile; 4) D'On's tangelo speech; 3) John Kelly winning a Greco-Roman State championship; 2) Exchange student Cornel Smit (gone but not forgotten); 1) Troy Jiang's secretary speech

NOT TOP 5 (worst): 5) Taylor Asher's emails; 4) Jack King's right leg during lunch; 3) lift kits; 2) Rishi Malipeddi's attendance on Fridays/ Brodie Poe's attendance on Mondays; 1) Connergray26 on Instagram

BEST of the BEST: Yavin Alwis
WORST of the WORST: #truck-tuesday

In conclusion: The 2013-2014 school year was an exceptional period of growth for the Class of 2016. Through the ups and downs of this year we have grown together as a class and formed bonds that will last forever. I asked back-to-back BEST of the BEST winner Yavin Alwis what he learned this year, and his response summed up the year very well: "A lot."



CHAPMAN "GOOD WILL HUNTING" MALONE: Probably got a 6 on his Stat exam

Freshmen learn to stay out of the Quad, expand their literary acumen

By Peter Taylor
Who?

One down, three to go. Our freshmen, save the possible few who may attend the prestigious educational institution of summer school, have finally completed their first year of high school and will soon make the transition from the annoying freshmen to the hated-by-all sophomore class.

In the world of academics, final exams took a crushing toll on everyone. The Honors Geometry exam's difficulty was deemed rather challenging, even to some degree by math wizard Micah "Curvekiller" White, who said, "it was a bit harder than last time." Mrs. Holmgren's Biology exam covered the last three days of class with the greatest thoroughness perhaps ever seen on an exam. The common Spanish I exam was said to be "pretty easy" by various sources. For Dr. Batten's English exam, Dan Parks "Pretty much plot summarized *The Odyssey* for my theme." Joe Moxley refused to comment when asked about any of his exams.

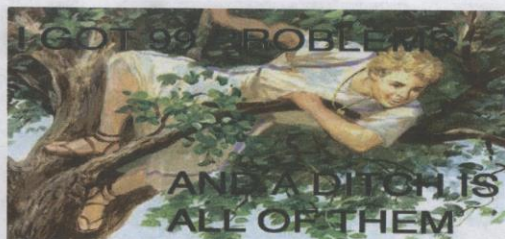
In other news, Christian "Ey!" Palm will not be returning next year but will be back for our junior year. We wish him the best wherever he ends up. Similarly, John "Twitter Beef" Dugan made MBA and Ensworth teams on Madden 25 and shockingly plays as Ensworth. Patrick "Clay" Andreen was chosen as the understudy for the lead in the upcoming MBA-Harpheth Hall musical. Good luck to him.

I think we should be proud of ourselves for making it this far. We survived Holmgren double lectures, *A Tale of Two Cities* and *The Odyssey*, countless recycling blitzes, World of Tanks battles, keycards and these poorly written, not terribly funny columns. Give yourselves a pat on the back.



TAKING THINGS ONE YEAR AT A TIME: Hoping to get to graduation

The Back Page Crosses the Rubicon



By The Bell Ringer Staff
Alumni in Aeternum

For this edition of the Back Page, we here at the Bell Ringer have chosen to immortalize two departing faculty members by putting their faces next to a few of our favorite aphorisms. Mr. Gaither, the former sponsor of *The Bell Ringer*, resurrected this publication and nursed it to the journalistic juggernaut that you read today. His dedication to this newspaper must never be forgotten as new staffs come and go. Dr. Gaffney has also been a long time friend of *The Bell Ringer* and has served as its primary online correspondent. Although he isn't the biggest fan of how we size our pictures, we still can't thank him enough for his work with our publication.

Admittedly, we were never the best Latin scholars. However, we feel that we got pretty much the gist of most of these Aphorisms. Here are a few of our favorites.

You must change your court, not your wall ball. **Seneca the Younger (5 BC - 65 AD)**

The microbe that carries the backpack must always be lighter than the backpack. **Seneca the Younger (5 BC - 65 AD)**

Remember when Friday night is a ruckus to keep your mind even. **Horace (65 BC - 8 BC)**

Be a Microbe; someday this pain will be useful to you. **Ovid (43 BC - AD 17/18)**

Two hours of demerit hall after a football game, most like indeed to death's own quietness. **Vergil (70 BC - 19 BC)**

Any man can have Mr. Herring for Modern European; only a fool takes World History. **Cicero (106 - 43 BC)**

There is no great Mr. Pruitt without a tincture of madness. **Seneca the Younger (5 BC - 65 AD)**

The beard does not define Dr. Bailey! **Plutarch (AD 46 - 120)**

It is difficult to retain what you may have learned in Earth Science. **Pliny the Elder, (23-79 AD)**

Avoid a strange and unfamiliar word with Captain Norton as you would a dangerous reef. **Julius Caesar (100-44 BC)**

I have erected a (we forgot how this one ended). **Horace. (65-8 BC)**

Resilience is praised and brought up whenever humanly possible. **Juvenal, who lived between the first and second centuries**

Who profits by Sparknotes has done the sin. **Seneca the Younger (5 BC-65 AD)**

There are as many Sophomores you've never seen before as there are foreign exchange students. **Publius Terentius Afer, (195-159 BC)**

Football season is done; it cannot be made undone by shouting in the weight room. **Plautus (254-184 BC)**

It is much more important what your teachers think of you than what you think of your teachers. **Seneca the Younger (5 BC - 65 AD)**

The Tennessee fan intent upon false appearances refuses to admit anything. **Horace (65-8 BC)**

Watching Kahn Academy, buying an AP Review book, consulting well with classmates: these things yield all things prosperous in Physics C. **Crispus (86-35 BC)**

Character may almost be called the most effective means of persuasion. Almost, but not really. **Aristotle (384-382 BC)**
(WE KNOW HE WAS GREEK)

